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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT RE ROME AIRPORT ATTACK

1. DEC 19 TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL CONDEMNED PALESTINIAN "TERROR TACTICS AT ROME AIRPORT DEC 17 AS "BARBARIC, SENSELESS AND INSANE MASSACRE." EDITORIAL DECLARED "COLD-BLOODED MURDER OR MORE THAN 30 INNOCENT PEOPLE CAN HAVE NO CONCEIVABLE RELEVANCE TO THE LIBERATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE NOR INDEED TO ANY MEANINGFUL SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION." IT SAID GENUINE LIBERATION GROUPS, SUCH AS PLO, "SHOULD NOT BE LUMPED TOGETHER WITH MAD BOMBERS AND PSYCHOPATHIC MURDERERS WHOSE COWARDLY ACTS HAVE COST LIVES OF MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE." IT POINTED OUT PLO HAD RESORTED TO VIOLENCE "ONLY AFTER BEING FRUSTRATED BY THE INTRASIGENCE OF GOLDA MEIR'S GOVERNMENT."

2. EDITORIAL VIEWED ISRAELI-ARAB PEACE TALKS AS MORE URGENT
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THAN EVER AS "THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION

TO FURTHER THEIR OWN ENDS." IT ADDED, "US AND THE USSR KNOW THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AFFAIR. WE HOPE THAT THEIR CONSCIENCES WILL COMPEL THEM NOW TO MAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE PROTEGES SEE SENSE AND MAKE REAL PEACE IN GENEVA, A PEACE MORE MEANINGFUL THAN THE FARCIAL VIETNAM PEACE."

3. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL IGNORED ROME MASSACRE. IN COMMENT ON CURRENT VISIT TO ZAMBIA BY UNITED ARAB EMIRATE DELEGATION (SEPTTEL) MAIL DECLARED 1973 HAD BEEN "TURNING POINT IN AFRICAN-ARAB RELATIONS."
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